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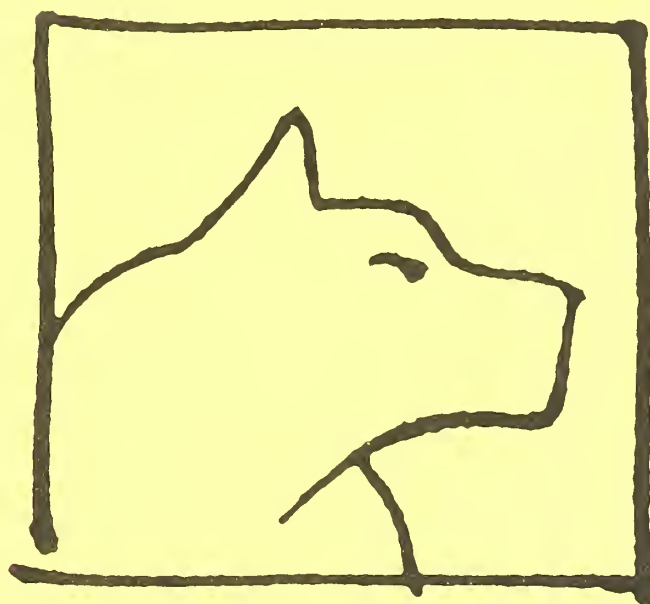
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Animal Rights

1. May 14, 1991; **H.J.Res. 254.**

To designate the week beginning June 9, 1991, as "Animal Rights Awareness Week."

Congress designates the week of June 9, 1991, as "Animal Rights Awareness Week" to increase public awareness of animal suffering and promote humane treatment and respect for animals.

HOUSE COMMITTEE: Post Office and Civil Service.

SPONSOR: Pallone.

STATUS: No action.

RELATED BILLS: S.J.Res. 152 June 1991.

Assistive Animals

2. May 7, 1991; **H.R. 2245.**

To amend certain Federal laws to provide the same rights and privileges to individuals with disabilities who depend on trained animals other than seeing-eye dogs as are provided to individuals with disabilities who depend on seeing-eye dogs, and for other purposes.

This act may be cited as the "**Individuals With Disabilities' Trained Animals Parity Act of 1991.**" The Act of December 10, 1941, (U.S.C. 291) is amended to broaden the act by replacing the term "dog(s)" with "animals" or "animals trained to assist individuals with disabilities."

HOUSE COMMITTEE: Referred jointly to Veterans' Affairs and Public Works and Transportation.

SPONSOR: Goodling.

STATUS: No action.

RELATED BILLS: S. 127 January 1990,
S. 2100 February 1990,
S. 13 September 1989,
H.R. 2044 April 1989.

Biomedical Research/Laboratory Animals

3. May 20, 1991; **H.R. 2407.**

Entitled the "Farm Animal and Research Facilities Protection Act of 1991."

Prohibited acts: stealing or causing intentional loss of animals; breaking and entering any animal facility; receiving or having knowledge of any stolen materials; or obtaining unauthorized access to any animal facility with the intent to obtain animals, records or data, or destroy materials.

HOUSE COMMITTEE: Agriculture.

SPONSOR: Stenholm.

STATUS: No action.

RELATED BILLS: S. 544 March 1991,
H.R. 3349 September 1989,
H.R. 3270 September 1989,
H.R. 3223 September 1989,
S. 1330 July 1989,
S. 727 April 1989.

4. May 9, 1991; **H.R. 2281.**

To Amend the Public Health Service Act to revise and extend the programs of the National Institutes of Health, and for other purposes.

This act may be cited as the "**National Institutes of Health Revitalization Amendments of 1991.**" Title III, Section 302, discusses the use of animals in research. The National Institutes of Health shall conduct or support research into methods of research which do not require the use of animals, reduce the number of animals used, or produce less pain and distress to the animals.

HOUSE COMMITTEE: Energy and Commerce.

SPONSOR: Waxman.

STATUS: Incorporated into H.R. 2507.

RELATED BILLS: H.R. 1532.

5. March 5, 1991; **S. 544.**

To amend the Food, Agriculture, Conservation and Trade Act of 1990 to provide protection to animal research facilities from illegal acts, and for other purposes.

This act may be cited as the "**Animal Research Facilities Protection Act of 1991.**" Congress finds that there is an increasing number of illegal acts committed against facilities which may damage research projects, threaten public safety, or result in loss of property. Prohibited acts include: stealing or causing intentional loss of animals from any research facility,

damaging or stealing any property in or on a research facility, breaking and entering a facility with an intent to destroy or obtain any records or materials, or receiving or having knowledge of any stolen materials.

SENATE COMMITTEE: Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

SPONSOR: Heflin.

STATUS: No action.

RELATED BILLS: H.R. 2407 May 1991. (for other related bills - see listing of related bills for H.R. 2407)

Marine Mammals

6. May 9, 1991; **S.Con.Res. 37.**

Calling for a United States policy of strengthening and maintaining indefinitely the current International Whaling Commission moratorium on the commercial killing of whales, and otherwise expressing the sense of Congress with respect to conserving and protecting the world's whale, dolphin, and porpoise populations.

United States policy should promote the maximum conservation and protection of whales, porpoises, and dolphins. The International Whaling Commission's moratorium on the commercial killing of whales should be maintained indefinitely. Protection and conservation measures should include all species of cetaceans (large and small).

SENATE COMMITTEE: Foreign Relations.

SPONSOR: Kerry.

STATUS: No action.

RELATED BILLS: H.Con.Res. 329 May 1990,
S.Con.Res. 126 May 1990,
H.Con.Res. 287 March 1990.

7. April 24, 1991; **H.R. 2041.**

To direct the Secretary of the department in which the Coast Guard is operating to conduct a study to develop methods and devices to protect manatees, and for other purposes.

This act may be cited as the "**Manatee Protection Act of 1991.**" A study shall be conducted on new methods and devices for protecting manatees from injuries caused by vessels. Vessels operating in navigable waters will then be required to use the methods and devices developed under the study.

HOUSE COMMITTEE: Merchant Marine and Fisheries.

SPONSOR: Bennett.

STATUS: No action.

Patents

8. June 13, 1991; **S. 1291.**

To amend title 35, United States Code, to impose a 5-year moratorium on the granting of patents on invertebrate or vertebrate animals, including those that have been genetically engineered, in order to provide time for Congress to fully assess, consider, and respond to the economic, environmental, and ethical issues raised by the patenting of such animals.

Patenting of animals raises economic, environmental, and ethical issues and may also lead to potential financial liability on the part of the Federal Government for restitution of patent holders who have had patents revoked or altered. No invertebrate or vertebrate animal, including genetically engineered animals (animal deliberately modified by the introduction or manipulation of genetic material) shall be considered patentable during the 5-year period.

SENATE COMMITTEE: Judiciary.

SPONSOR: Hatfield.

STATUS: No action.

RELATED BILLS: S. 2169 February 1990,
H.R. 1557 March 1989,
H.R. 1556 March 1989.

Wildlife

9. May 23, 1991; **H.R. 2463.**

To provide for the protection and management of ecologically-significant old growth forest on certain national forest lands and public domain lands in the States of Washington, Oregon, and California; to ensure the conservation of the Northern Spotted Owl and protection of other species associated with the old growth forest on such lands; to provide economic adjustment grants and benefit payments to communities and workers economically dependent on such lands; to facilitate the implementation of land management plans for such lands and Federal lands elsewhere; to ensure a stable and predictable supply of commodity resources from, and the stability of communities dependent on, Federal lands; and for other purposes.

Section 105 discusses the protection of the Northern Spotted Owl and other species. Species associated with old growth forests, such as the Spotted Owl, will be protected. Forest Plans will be drawn up or revised taking into consideration the species within the old growth forest and any potential impact on these species and to the forest system. Alternative plans will be considered if any species listed in the Endangered Species Act or any critical habitat of the species is jeopardized.

HOUSE COMMITTEE: Referred jointly to Agriculture, Interior and Insular Affairs, and Merchant Marine and Fisheries.

SPONSOR: Huckaby.

STATUS: No action.

RELATED BILLS: S. 1156 May 1991,
H.R. 5259 July 1990.

10. June 4, 1991; S. **1219**.

To enhance the conservation of exotic wild birds.

Exotic birds (not indigenous to the United States) may not be captured or taken from their natural habitats. Captive birds must be marked. Owners of exotic birds must provide proof that the birds were legally acquired. Exempt species include common canaries, cockatiels, or budgeries or species in which the captive breeding program fully meets the commercial demand, which are not endangered or threatened, or in which marking is not necessary to distinguish it from other species.

SENATE COMMITTEE: Environment and Public Works.

SPONSOR: Baucus.

STATUS: No action.

RELATED BILLS: S. 1218 June 1991.

11. April 24, 1991; H.R. **2082**.

To conserve the diversity of fish, wildlife, and biological systems of the United States.

This act may be cited as the "National Biological Diversity Conservation Act." It is the policy of the United States that the conservation of biological diversity is a national goal. The purpose includes: the development of a Federal strategy for maintaining viable populations of native plants and animals; collecting, synthesizing, and disseminating information about biological diversity through a National Center for Biological Diversity, and developing regulations for protected areas.

HOUSE COMMITTEE: Referred jointly to Merchant Marine and Fisheries and Science, Space, and Technology.

SPONSOR: Subcommittee on Environment held hearings May 23, 1991.

STATUS: No action.

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